

HOUSE RESOLUTION 198

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to commend Konstantin Yepifantsev for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session, this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Konstantin Yepifantsev is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Ryan Williams; Konstantin's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, although he identifies as an independent politically, he has been an excellent fit for Representative Williams's office; and

WHEREAS, a nontraditional student at Tennessee Technological University, Konstantin Yepifantsev has earned a 3.86 grade point average while majoring in political science with a minor in history; and

WHEREAS, a native of Russia, Mr. Yepifantsev emigrated with his parents, Andrey and Olga Yepifantsev, to the U.S. in 1994 to pursue the American Dream in the Land of Opportunity; and

WHEREAS, after playing ice hockey at a high level of competition for many years, Konstantin Yepifantsev decided to change his career path; after earning his G.E.D. in May 2008, he began working in retail on commission; and

WHEREAS, he later gained employment with Land Rover Nashville and eventually became the company's second-highest-grossing salesperson; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Mr. Yepifantsev jumped at the opportunity to serve as chief executive officer of Home Caregivers, a home-and-community-based services company in Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, he decided to put his education on hold while he learned the intricacies of the business, which he eventually purchased; and

WHEREAS, today, Home Caregivers is a thriving concern that provides quality long-term care services to more than 100 elderly and intellectually disabled clients throughout the Upper Cumberland region and employs more than 250 people; and

WHEREAS, a young man of great initiative and talent, Konstantin Yepifantsev continued his higher education at Tennessee Technological University after securing the prosperity and future of his business; he plans to pursue a master's degree in public administration after earning his bachelor's degree; and

WHEREAS, he currently gives back to his community as a Highland Rim Economic Partnership investor and a diversity and inclusion board member of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Yepifantsev is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, the former Jessica Easley of Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government and to further his studies, Konstantin Yepifantsev brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2022 session of the One Hundred Twelfth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2022 legislative session, Konstantin Yepifantsev has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Konstantin Yepifantsev has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum while living the American Dream in his own way; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we commend Konstantin Yepifantsev for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Ryan Williams and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.